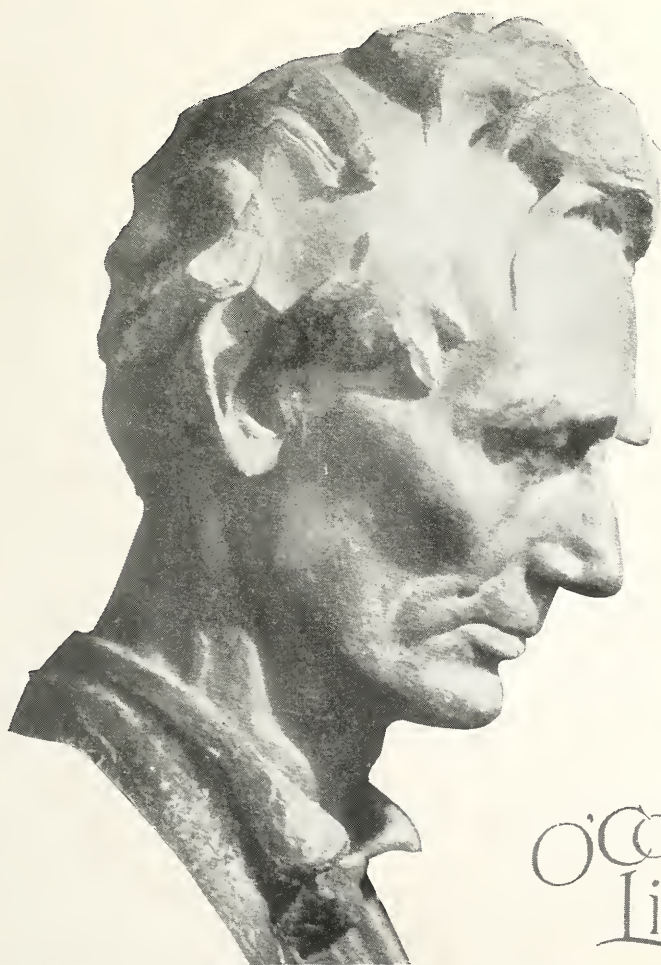


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The Anniversary of Lincoln's Birth.

THE special observance of Lincoln's birthday on February 12, under the auspices of the Illinois Centennial Commission and the Lincoln Centennial Association, will be the first of the series of events to be held at the state capital during the Centennial year. There will be no banquet this year, but impressive services will be held both afternoon and evening in the state arsenal, open free to the public.

The afternoon program will be arranged particularly for the young. It is planned to have a chorus of a thousand voices, and patriotic music, and the reading of quotations from Lincoln will be prominent features. In the evening addresses will be delivered by men of national reputation.

State-wide Observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

It is expected that throughout Illinois, in every city and village, in every community, in every school, there will be a fitting observance of Lincoln's natal day. This is urged in the following letter sent out to the local centennial organizations throughout the state by Director Hugh S. Magill, Jr.:

The Illinois Centennial Commission would urgently recommend that Lincoln's birthday be specially observed throughout the state this year.

The ideals of liberty, democracy and humanity for which the allied nations are offering up their blood and treasure have brought to the liberty-loving people of every land the unity of a common purpose. All turn to the life and teachings of our immortal Lincoln for inspiration and guidance in this perilous hour.

February 12 will have a peculiar significance this year throughout the world. The observance of this date will afford an opportunity for refreshing our minds and hearts with the wisdom of his words, and the unfaltering faith of his great soul in the ultimate triumph of justice.

Will you bring this matter to the attention of your centennial committee, and use your influence to have in your community an inspiring and impressive observance of the birthday of our first American?

Other Centennial Events at the Capital.

The second important observance to be held by the Centennial Commission in cooperation with the Department of Public Works and Buildings, will be the unveiling of the statues of Lincoln and Douglas on the capitol grounds on April 18.

The third event will be the State Fair and Centennial Exposition, August 9 to 26, under the management of the State Board of Agriculture, with the cooperation of the Centennial Commission.

The fourth important event will be the great state pageant, the laying of the corner-stone of the centennial memorial building, and the impressive ceremonial to be held in commemoration of the inauguration of the first governor. These will take place during the first week of October. All departments of the state government will cooperate with the Centennial Commission.

The final observance of the year will be held December 3. The Centennial Commission will cooperate with the State Historical Society to make this a memorable occasion.

The O'Connor Lincoln.

O'CONNOR'S "Lincoln of the Farewell Address" pictured on the opposite page, will be unveiled on the capitol grounds on April 18, with impressive ceremonies. The statue is of heroic size, about ten feet six inches in height, and will stand on a carefully designed base of granite.

The sculptor has represented the great American as he appeared when he left Springfield on February 11, 1861, to go to Washington and assume the duties of the presidency. The pose is of marked simplicity, but not lacking in strength and dignity. The head is most remarkable. The face reflects all the human sympathy, vision and reverence expressed in his farewell address.

Probably no artist has ever succeeded in so blending all the essential attributes of the immortal Lincoln. Here is a man of the common people, tall, angular and of humble simplicity, and yet here is revealed with impelling impressiveness the lofty spiritual qualities that made Lincoln the incarnation of the highest ideals of American democracy.

The work has been under the management of the State Art Commission from the beginning, who are highly pleased with the results. The full length picture is of the plaster model, but the statue will be cast in bronze, and set up ready for unveiling in April. The head on the front cover is of the completed bronze.

It is particularly appropriate that this remarkable statue should be erected by the State of Illinois at the Capital, Lincoln's home city and unveiled during the Centennial year, at a time when the free nations of the world are fighting to preserve that democracy and freedom for which he gave his life.

Preparing Official Invitations.

IN compliance with the decision reached at the meeting of the joint Legislative Centennial Advisory Committee with the State Officers, Justices of the Supreme Court, and Centennial Commission at the Executive Mansion on December 3, last, Governor Frank O. Lowden has appointed a special committee to draft the formal invitations and prepare for securing the attendance of the President of the United States, Governors of other states and other dignitaries. The committee named by the Governor is composed of Hon. Francis G. Blair, Superintendent of Public Instruction, representing the state officers; Chief Justice Orrin N. Carter representing the supreme court; Representative John S. Burns of Chicago representing the lower house of the General Assembly; Senator Adam C. Cliffe of Sycamore, representing the State Senate; and George Pasfield, Jr., representing the Centennial Commission. The Governor recommended that the committee appoint Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, secretary of the Centennial Commission, secretary of the committee.

This committee met in Chicago on January 5 and organized by the election of Chief Justice Carter as chairman and Mrs. Weber as secretary. A formal announcement of the Centennial plans for the year and formal invitations will be prepared by the committee within a short time, and sent to the President, the governors of other states and other dignitaries.

The committee hopes to secure the attendance of the President in Springfield on October 5, when the cornerstone of the State Centennial Building will be laid, and the great state Centennial pageant will be given. This will be the grand climax of the Centennial Celebration.

The committee also will be in charge of the issuing of invitations to the Lincoln Celebration, the first event of the Centennial Observance, the unveiling of the statues of Lincoln and Douglas in the state capitol grounds in April, and the Centennial Fair and Exposition.

LINCOLN OF THE FAREWELL ADDRESS



Address delivered from the rear platform of his train on the forenoon of February 11, 1861, at the old Wabash passenger station, as Lincoln was leaving Springfield for Washington to become president.

MY FRIENDS: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I can not succeed. With that assistance, I can not fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.



Press Praises O'Connor's Lincoln.

THE New York newspapers are enthusiastic in their praise of the statue of Abraham Lincoln by Andrew O'Connor of Worcester, Mass., which is to be erected on the state capitol grounds at Springfield and unveiled in April. The plaster cast of the statue has been placed on exhibition at the Seligmann galleries in New York, under the patronage of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. The newspapers are suggesting that replicas of this statue should be set up in London and Paris instead of the Barnard statue, concerning which there has been so much unfavorable criticism.

The New York World has the following to say about the statue:

"Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, eminent herself as a sculptor, searched O'Connor out in his rural studio, when she heard that he had finished the Lincoln cast, and was so impressed by it that she induced him to show it here, with other work, and she engaged the Seligmann galleries for him for one month.

"Quite as important from an art standpoint is the prospect that the display will create a movement for O'Connor replicas for England and France, as worthy gifts from the American people, in place of the George Grey Barnard Lincoln, which Charles P. Taft has offered to those countries. The Barnard project has roused wide opposition, owing to its uncouth portrayal, Robert T. Lincoln, the ex-president's son, being one of the chief objectors.

"O'Connor's statue shows Lincoln in benevolent aspect. It represents him at the age of fifty-two, when he quit Springfield to assume the presidency. He was then beardless. The work shows him in the simple pose familiar to those among whom he had lived as lawyer and publicist, with no exaggerations of dress, and his features expressing his serious appreciation of the task before him. Its lines are thoughtful and kindly, and features and attitude combine to impress the beholder that the figure is that of a man of the people.

"The Springfield capitol stands on an eminence. It has a lawn in front of it with a fall of thirteen feet in a stretch of 200 feet to the main street of the city. Mr. O'Connor plans to terrace the approach from the street by means of short flights of steps, and to place the statue, which is eleven feet tall, about one-third of the way up the inclined lawn.

"The front of the capitol is colonnaded. In order that the statue as seen from a distance, may not have the appearance of one of the capitol columns, a background of white stone higher than the statue has been arranged, on which will be inscribed the speech Lincoln made to his fellow townsmen from the steps of his car the night he took a train for Washington to become president. The statue will be of bronze and will stand out from the white stone background at all times and distances, without risk of confusion with any other object.

"The exhibit now shown is in plaster, full size. It will be used for casting the finished bronze. A separate room has been assigned to it in the Seligmann galleries. Other O'Connor work fills another room."

IRISH PREPARING HISTORY.

As an example of what may be done by representatives of various nationalities in Illinois, the following item from the Chicago Examiner of December 29, 1917 is of interest:

"In order that future historians may give Irishmen full credit for the part they played in the early history of Illinois, the American-Irish Historical Society is planning to send a research worker to every county seat in the State to search the records for typically Irish names.

"Plans are being made to bring out from Massachusetts Michael O'Brien, New England historian and tracer of records. Mr. O'Brien is the man who

proved, by an examination of early muster roles, that 38 per cent of Washington's revolutionary army were Irishmen.

"It is expected he may perform a similar service for Illinois."

The part played by the French, Germans and other nationalities in the building of the foundations of the State and the development of the commonwealth can very readily be pointed out in the same way, and doubtless this work will be taken up to a very large extent during the early part of the year.

EDWARDS HOME TO BE RAZED.

The city of Springfield has issued a permit for the razing of the Edwards home, in which Abraham Lincoln was married. The building sits on the spot



Edwards Home, where Lincoln was Married.

south of the state capitol where the new Centennial Building is to be erected, and it was found impracticable to save it. Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson had photographs taken of the building and room in which Lincoln was married and these will be filed in the historical library for preservation.

The house has been one of the historic spots of Springfield since the early history of the city.



Room in which Lincoln was Married.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Plan Co-operation.

THE special committee appointed by the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, to cooperate with the Illinois Centennial Commission in planning the veterans' part in the Celebration, has prepared a circular which is being sent to G. A. R. camps in the State. The committee expects general cooperation.

The circular says:

"The preservation of the Union has never been so manifestly magnified as at the present time. Its crowning glory is proclaimed in the fact that without a united country it would now be impossible for this Nation to engage in the present world-war for the liberty of the world.

"The sons of Illinois rushed into the war for the preservation of the Union like a flaming giant, not only in spirit but in numbers. A number equal to sixty-four per cent of the total vote cast in the State in 1860 voluntarily enlisted. They were present and fought gallantly in every battle from Belmont, Mo., to Raleigh, N. C. Illinois gave to the Nation Abraham Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. Illinois not only gave to the Nation Grant, the ablest general of the age, who in spite of doubters and objectors in high places, was made Commander-in-Chief of all the Union armies; but it gave also a score of other successful commanders. All this when the State was only forty-three years old.

"Comrades, a kind Providence has spared your lives until this—the 100th year of our great State. As you were patriotic, prompt and enthusiastic in volunteering to save the Union, may the prominence your patriotism and courage has given you, in the State's history, be repeated in the part you shall take in celebrating, during the State's Centennial Year, the history written by you on hundreds of battlefields during the war of the rebellion."

Woman's Relief Corps Plans.

A special committee consisting of Mesdames Sarah Harwood Darling, Flo Jamison Miller and Martha K. Baxter has prepared a pamphlet containing suggestions for the cooperation of the Illinois Woman's Relief Corps in the Centennial Celebration. The pamphlet presents an outline of study for each month in the year and records the salient features of Illinois history. After calling attention to the fact that the Centennial Commission has prepared plans for the observance of the anniversary and is seeking the cooperation of all civic, patriotic, commercial, social and religious organizations in making the celebrations worthy of the splendid history of Illinois, the statement sent to members by the committee continues:

"This is an opportunity which the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic should embrace, to perpetuate the part taken by our organizations and our makers of history. During the year 1860-1865, Illinois was not only a leader in the history making of the Middle West, but of the Nation as well.

"It is desired that every Corps shall hold a Centennial celebration; that they shall invite the Grand Army of the Republic to unite with them in this observance.

"We believe that the military history of the State should be particularly dwelt upon and that all celebrations should be of a patriotic nature.

"It is also desirable that the Woman's Relief Corps should make a permanent record of their observance, through the dedication of a monument, boulder, building, fountain or a highway, and these should be marked with a small bronze tablet setting forth the fact that it has been placed there by the Woman's Relief Corps. In counties not having soldiers' monuments, a monu-

ment or marker to the Union Soldiers would be appropriate, or a marker to the Loyal Women of the North, would also be fitting.

"It might be well for the Woman's Relief Corps to take as a part of their work, the writing and preserving of the record of every soldier of the War of the Rebellion that lives in their midst and where possible the record and history of those who have gone from the living.

"What more splendid tribute could be given to the Grand Army of the Republic, than the permanent record of the service of the Soldiers of the War of the Rebellion, written from reminiscences furnished by himself or his comrades.

"The secretary of the Centennial Commission is Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber (the daughter of a gallant soldier) of Springfield, Illinois, who will be glad to furnish information for those who write her.

"The Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Illinois. The Woman's Relief Corps, its auxiliary, should let no occasion of so great importance to this and to future generations, as this anniversary, pass without proper observance.

"Join with the local community. Make occasions and invite the public, make your songs, speeches and narratives refer to Illinois History. Show what the State is doing to-day for the World's Humanity and tell with one accord, the wondrous record."

Co-operation With Fair Board.

AT the meeting of the Illinois Centennial Commission in Chicago on December 20, arrangements were made for co-operation of the Commission and the State Board of Agriculture in the State Fair and Centennial Exposition at Springfield, August 9-26. Mr. J. E. Taggart, of Freeport, president of the State Board of Agriculture, Mr. B. M. Davison, of Springfield, secretary, State Treasurer Len Small, of Kankakee, vice-president-at-large, and Mr. B. H. Heide, of Chicago, a member, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Davison outlined a plan for the co-operation of the Centennial Commission which was agreed to by the Commission. Under this arrangement the Commission will present a processional pageant at the Fair and will provide Illinois Centennial premiums in most of the classes. The Commission also will give its advice and assistance in the preparation of exhibits illustrating the progress of the State during the one hundred years of statehood. The Fair Board agrees to turn over the Fair Grounds for one day, which shall be known as Centennial Day. The pageant will be produced on this day and a number of other Centennial features will be provided.

The Fair Board is preparing to advertise the Fair and Exposition extensively throughout the State and the Middle West and it anticipates a great success for it.

REBEKAHS TO COOPERATE.

The Rebekah State Assembly is arranging to cooperate with the Centennial Commission in carrying out the plans for the celebration. At the recent Assembly, a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee for this purpose, and since that time the committee has been named. It consists of Miss Irene W. Cooper, of Decatur, chairman, and Miss Lela L. Rickart of Macomb. This committee will confer with Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, secretary of the Centennial Commission, in the near future, relative to the organization's part in the Centennial Celebration.

A number of fraternal organizations expect to take part in the observance of the Centennial.

Medical Society Plans for Centennial.

THE Illinois State Medical Society is working out an elaborate plan for the observance of the State Centennial. It proposes to prepare historical works which will be a lasting memorial of the State's centenary. The plan outlined includes the following:

A history of medicine in Cook County.

A brief history of medicine in each county of the State.

The sending out of a questionnaire covering such items as the name of the first doctor in the county or the first ten doctors, the roster of all doctors who have lived and practised in the county so far as can be obtained, the organization of medical societies, etc.

The selection of an historian in each county of the State to compile certain facts as to medical matters.

The preparation of historical matter by committees representing special societies.

The preparation of the history of the State laws.

The preparation of a brief history of the Illinois State Medical Society.

The preparation of a history of the medical schools and hospitals of Chicago.

The preparation of a history of the medical journals of Illinois.

The preparation of a history of the medical libraries of Illinois.

The collection of books, instruments, paraphernalia and other things of historical nature for use in an exhibit.

A committee consisting of Dr. Carl E. Black of Jacksonville, chairman; Dr. W. A. Evans of Chicago, Dr. Mortimer Frank of Chicago, Dr. C. C. O'Byrne of Chicago, Dr. William O. Ensign of Rutland, Dr. George N. Kreider of Springfield and Dr. E. W. Weis of Ottawa has been appointed to undertake the task of preparing the history of Medicine in Illinois, with especial attention to the Illinois State Medical Society and its component county societies.

Dr. W. O. Ensign of Rutland is chairman of a special sub-committee which will prepare a history of the Illinois State Medical Society. Dr. E. Fletcher Ingals of Chicago will undertake the preparation of a history of the medical schools and hospitals of Chicago. Dr. Mortimer Frank of Chicago will write a history of the medical journals and the medical libraries. There will also be a history of medicine in Cook county and every county medical society will be requested to prepare a county history of medicine. The State laws, past and present, will be compiled and discussed, and all other data bearing upon medical history will be collected.

Dr. Carl E. Black of Jacksonville, the chairman, already has a researcher at work collecting data and others will soon be at work. He will send out a questionnaire and a circular containing pictures of a number of doctors in various counties of the State and asking for more pictures. They want to secure as large a collection as possible. Drs. Frank, Evans and O'Byrne are in direct charge of the work in Cook county.

In addition to this historical data, Dr. Geo. N. Kreider, is a special committee to collect paraphernalia, books, journals and other things which physicians of the pioneer times used.

The exhibit, which is being collected, will be first shown at the meeting of the Illinois State Medical Society in Springfield, about the middle of May.

It will be used again in June at the meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago, and later will become a part of the exhibit at the State Fair and Centennial Exposition, August 9-26.

The work of this society serves as a pattern which will be followed by a number of other organizations in the State, during the Centennial year.

Organization Work Progresses.

THE WORK of organization for the Centennial in the various counties of the State is progressing in the most satisfactory manner. The inspiration and enthusiasm carried back to the respective counties from the December 3 conference and Centennial banquet is much in evidence. The sound logic of the statement of Governor Lowden that the Centennial Celebration should be one of the most persuasive and powerful of the patriotic agencies invoked by Illinois at this time, has been accepted generally as a sentiment to which all patriotic citizens can heartily subscribe.

Organizations in forty-two of the 102 counties are busy through their officers and committees, shaping concrete plans, and determining upon definite dates for special Centennial observances. In all the arrangements contemplated, the patriotic idea is kept carefully in mind. Much planning is being done in various localities for the marking of historic spots. Many inquiries are being received regarding the presentation of pageants, and it can now be definitely stated that a large number of pageants will be attempted throughout the State.

Another indication of particular interest, is the determination on the part of such State organizations as the Illinois Bankers Association, the Illinois Medical Society, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Chambers of Commerce, Commercial Clubs and Woman's Clubs, to use the centennial year for the purpose of collecting historical data relative to their respective organizations, and in requesting each branch of these societies to take such steps as will give them a part in the Centennial Celebration to be held in their own localities.

Evidences of intense interest in the Centennial on the part of many cities and counties is apparent, and in a number of the counties, Centennial Celebrations will be held in other places than the county seat. In fact, the Centennial Commission recommends that where there are a number of social centers in a county the better plan may be for each community to undertake its own celebration.

County officials, as a general rule, have been very responsive to the appeals of the Centennial Commission. In counties where the county officials have been slow to act, others have been found eager to take up the work of organization and little difficulty is expected in the few remaining counties that seem to be lagging behind the others.

The work of organization for the various county celebrations is under the particular direction of Assistant Director Horace H. Bancroft.

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS.

County Superintendent M. M. Cook, of Fulton county, has issued a pamphlet on the celebration of the State Centennial in the schools of that county. He urges the teachers to begin preparation for a county exhibit and for exercises in the schools. Some time ago, a suggested program of exercises for district celebration in the schools was sent out. It is proposed that the county exhibits should contain the following:

(a) Collection of photographs showing present and former school buildings in the district. If the picture shows the pupils attending school at that time the names of the pupils should be attached to the picture.

(b) Make a list of names of former pupils, teachers and directors who have since become noted. If possible photographs of these persons should be secured and exhibited.

- (c) Make a collection of old and interesting letters, documents, etc.
 - (d) Try to secure photographs of the people whose school attendance dates farthest back, accompanied by tabulated statements of the facts. A letter by the people themselves relating to their experiences will be of greatest value.
 - (e) Interest the pupils and patrons in making a collection of relics, the more ancient the better, such as school books, maps, charts, copy books, pictures, desks, lamps, candle molds, bullet molds, lanterns, spinning wheels, ox yokes, in fact, any article or implement connected with the early history of the county.
 - (f) Have pupils prepare historical or biographical sketches. The best may be sent for the county exhibit.
 - (g) Have pupils make maps of Fulton county, showing railroads, location of towns, principal industries, etc.
 - (h) Have pupils make maps of Illinois showing location of the different industries of the State.
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State Bankers Will Observe Centennial.

THE Illinois State Bankers Association will cooperate with the Centennial Commission in the observance of the Centennial year. At the annual meeting of the association, held in Quincy, Ill., on September 19, 1917, the association authorized the appointment of a committee of ten, of which committee the president and secretary of the association should be ex officio members, to devise plans for the proper observance of the Centennial year and to cooperate with the Illinois Centennial Commission.

The president, Robert R. Ward of Benton has appointed the following committee:

Edward D. Keys, Springfield, Chairman.
M. A. Graettinger, 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Secretary, ex officio.
Phil. Mitchell, Rock Island.
W. E. Stone, Peoria.
Chandler Starr, Rockford.
William George, Aurora.
Len Small, Kankakee.
B. F. Harris, Champaign.
J. R. Pearce, Quincy.
George W. Meyer, Edwardsville.
S. L. Crebs, Carmi.

The committee has been called to meet in Chicago on January 22. It is expected that it will undertake the preparation of a history of the development of banking in the State. The first bank was established in Illinois about one hundred years ago, and opened in a log building. From this primitive beginning has developed the great financial institutions of the State. The State Association proposes to feature the story of this remarkable development during the past hundred years of Illinois' statehood. The complete plans of the committee will be announced at a later date.

MRS. LINCOLN'S CENTENARY ALSO.

If Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, were alive, she would celebrate the centennial anniversary of her birthday this year at the same time that Illinois celebrates the centennial of its admission into the Union. Mrs. Lincoln was born at Lexington, Kentucky, on December 13, 1818.

Chicago Prepares for Celebration.

THE city of Chicago is preparing to celebrate the centennial in an elaborate manner. At a meeting of representatives of the city government, various organizations and business interests held in Chicago on January 2, an organization was completed. Alderman Robert Hall McCormick is chairman, and committees were appointed to arrange for the planning of the celebration.

Mayor William Hale Thompson, who was present at the meeting, endorsed the general plans very enthusiastically.

The Illinois Centennial Commission was represented by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, chairman, and Hugh S. Magill, Jr., director of the centennial celebration.

Dr. Schmidt and Mr. Magill outlined the plans of the Centennial Commission for the state-wide observance and discussed what Chicago could do in preparing for a celebration. All present responded, displaying great interest in the Centennial. The fact that Chicago has come into being and grown to its present greatness within the past century, will be emphasized in any observance prepared by the metropolis. The cosmopolitan character of the population and the part taken by various nationalities in the building of Chicago and of the State will be prominently presented. It is expected that the celebration will be patriotic above everything else.

THE CENTENNIAL HALF DOLLAR.

Congressman Loren E. Wheeler of the Twenty-first district has introduced a bill in Congress, providing for the coinage of a special coin in commemoration of the Centennial of the admission of Illinois into the Union. It is proposed to issue two hundred thousand fifty cent pieces with a special design commemorative of the Illinois Centennial. The design will be determined upon by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, but will be suggested by the Centennial Commission. The coins will be distributed during the Centennial year.

SCHOOL PLAYS READY SOON.

Six little Centennial plays have been written by Wallace Rice, pageant writer for the Illinois Centennial Commission. They are designed for presentation by school children.

The plays cover the one hundred years of statehood, beginning with the Indian and pioneer days and coming down to the present. They are being printed and will be ready for distribution very shortly. They will be available for the use of any school or community desiring them.

DISTRIBUTING POSTERS.

The Centennial posters and window cards are being distributed throughout the State. The first supply has been sent out, and a new consignment from the printer is expected shortly. It is desired to place these posters and cards in windows in every city in the State, some time during the Centennial year.

FIRST VOLUME OF HISTORY READY.

The second edition of the introductory volume of the Centennial Memorial History of Illinois, "Illinois in 1818", has just been issued by A. C. McClurg & Company, of Chicago, and it is ready now for general distribu-

tion. Copies of this history may be obtained from the publishers or from any bookseller, at \$2.00 per volume.

The first issue of the book by the Illinois Centennial Commission was for distribution to libraries, and was not available to the public generally. There has been a great demand for copies of this book, and subsequent volumes of the series, and for this reason, the Centennial Commission arranged with McClurg & Company for the second edition. Similar arrangements will be made for the sale of the other five books of the Illinois Centennial series, as soon as they are ready for distribution.

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CELEBRATIONS AT STATE CAPITAL

February 12—Lincoln's birthday.

April 18—Unveiling of statues of Lincoln and Douglas on Capitol grounds.

August 9-26—State Fair and Centennial Exposition, ending with processional pageant on August 26.

October 1-6—State Centennial pageant and laying of cornerstone of Centennial Memorial Building, to which President Wilson and the Governors of other States will be invited.

December 3—Final observance under the auspices of Centennial Commission and State Historical Society.